

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

DATE: March 23, 2005

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:02 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:06 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chairwoman
Greg Bowes
Vernon Brown
Sherron Franklin
William Oliver
Lincoln Plowman
Scott Schneider
Lynn McWhirter

Absent Members

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 108, 2005 - approves a grant application submitted to the Department of Corrections for fiscal years 2005-2007

“Do Pass”

Vote: 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 109, 2005 - approves an increase of \$342,342 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Community Corrections Agency (State & Federal Grants Fund) to fund supplies, services, and capital expenses related to the initial start-up of the work release center, funded by a grant from Department of Corrections

“Do Pass”

Vote: 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 110, 2005 - approves an increase of \$35,820 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Community Corrections Agency (State & Federal Grants Fund) to fund services for a substance abuse treatment program, funded by a grant from the Department of Justice, Indiana Criminal Justice Agency

“Do Pass”

Vote: 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 111, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$21,900 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (State & Federal Grants Fund) to pay expenses for marketing displays, van graphics, website upgrades, rent, utilities & maintenance costs for the Community Court, funded by a grant from Department of Justice, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 112, 2005 - approves an increase of \$7,775 in the 2005 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Animal Care and Control Division (Consolidated County Fund), to pay for 93 vinyl-coated resting benches for dog runs in the shelter's investigation kennel, financed by private donations

“Do Pass”

Vote: 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 113, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$20,995 in the 2005 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Division (Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Funds), to purchase personal protection equipment financed by a transfer between characters

“Do Pass”

Vote: 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 114, 2005 - approves a transfer and an appropriation of \$180,847 in the 2005 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Police Division (Non-Lapsing Federal Grants and Federal Grants Funds), to continue support of the Family Justice Center Initiative with the Julian Center and training for all agencies involved in this project, fund overtime for the East and South Districts, supplies, travel and training, and surveillance equipment for the East and South District Neighborhood Resource Officers, to fund overtime for Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) officers, supplies and incentives for G.R.E.A.T kids, travel and training for G.R.E.A.T officers and transportation and meals for G.R.E.A.T camp, to fund overtime for seat belt enforcement and DUI enforcement through the Marion County Traffic Safety Partnership, to fund increased outreach initiatives for the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault (INCASA), and to purchase surveillance equipment for the Community Action Response and Enforcement Initiative in the North District, financed by grants from the State of Indiana and the Federal Department of Justice, and a transfer between characters

“Do Pass as Amended”

Vote: 8-0

Update on MECA Upgrades- Linn Piper, MECA Director

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council met on Wednesday, March 23, 2005. Chairwoman Mary Moriarty Adams called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. with the following members present: Greg Bowes, Vernon Brown, Sherron Franklin, William Oliver, Lincoln Plowman, Scott Schneider, and Lynn McWhirter. Also present was Bart Brown, the City-County Council's Chief Financial Officer.

Consent was given to hear Proposal Nos. 108- 110, 2005 together.

PROPOSAL NO. 108, 2005 - approves a grant application submitted to the Department of Corrections for fiscal years 2005-2007

Brian Barton, Executive Director of Marion County Community Corrections, stated that every two years the Indiana Department of Corrections requires every county legislative body to approve an ordinance seeking community corrections funding through the state's grant program. This proposal is a request for that funding.

PROPOSAL NO. 109, 2005 - approves an increase of \$342,342 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Community Corrections Agency (State & Federal Grants Fund) to fund supplies, services, and capital expenses related to the initial start-up of the work release center, funded by a grant from Department of Corrections

Mr. Barton said that this \$342,342 is a onetime initial start up cost associated with the new work release center at 18489 Ludlow Street. The funding will be used to pay for beds, security camera, office equipment, computers, lockers, and other items that are necessary to open up the center.

PROPOSAL NO. 110, 2005 - approves an increase of \$35,820 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Community Corrections Agency (State & Federal Grants Fund) to fund services for a substance abuse treatment program, funded by a grant from the Department of Justice, Indiana Criminal Justice Agency

Mr. Barton stated that Proposal No. 110, 2005 is a continuation of the substance abuse treatment program for offenders that are incarcerated at the Community Corrections Center. This is the fourth year that the Indiana Criminal Justice Agency (ICJI) has funded this grant.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked if there were any local matches involved in any of these grants. Mr. Barton answered in the affirmative, and added that the local match is from Proposal No. 110, 2005. He stated that the Life Effectiveness Training vendor pays the local match.

Councillor Oliver asked if the drug testing takes place at the Community Correction Center. Mr. Barton answered in the affirmative.

Councillor Brown asked if city's Purchasing Department would purchase the items for the work release center. Mr. Barton answered in the affirmative.

Councillor McWhirter moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal Nos. 108 - 110, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

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upgrades, rent, utilities & maintenance costs for the Community Court, funded by a grant from Department of Justice, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

Cindy Mowery, Marion County Auditor's Office, stated that this request to reduce \$21,900 in Character 01 and increases \$21,900 in Character 03 is to cover expenses incurred by the Community Court. She stated that this grant has already been approved.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked if there were two Community Courts. Ms. Mowery stated that there is only one Community Court.

Councillor Schneider asked what the marketing displays are. Ms. Mowery said that she did not know, but she would get that information to the Public Safety Committee before the next Council meeting.

Councillor Oliver moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal No. 111, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 112, 2005 - approves an increase of \$7,775 in the 2005 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Animal Care and Control Division (Consolidated County Fund), to pay for 93 vinyl-coated resting benches for dog runs in the shelter's investigation kennel, financed by private donations

Jeff Bennet, Animal Control Division, stated that these funds are donated funds that are designated specifically for animal beds and supplies. He said that these funds will be used to purchase 93 dog beds for Kennel 4. Kennel 4 is where the animals are kept that are a part of ongoing investigations. The Animal Care and Control Board had recommended the purchase of the beds in August of 2004 and the cost per bed is \$80.00.

Councillor Brown asked how many dogs are currently waiting for these beds. Mr. Bennett stated that there are only 40 dogs that are currently waiting for beds.

Councillor Brown moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 112, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

[Clerk's note: Chairwoman Moriarty Adams introduced Michael Spears, the new Chief of the Indianapolis Police Department (IPD) to the members of the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee.]

PROPOSAL NO. 113, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$20,995 in the 2005 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Division (Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Funds), to purchase personal protection equipment financed by a transfer between characters

Greg Hall, Senior Coordinator of Emergency Management, explained that this is a request to reduce funds in Character 03 by \$12,311 and Character 04 by \$8,684 to purchase personal protective equipment. This equipment is Butyl Boots, Butyl Rubber Gloves, Air Purifying Respirators for the City of Lawrence, and other items that are critical to sustain the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) that is currently in place.

Councillor Brown asked if this funding was in addition to Proposal No. 49, 2005, which approves an increase of \$401,210 in the 2005 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Division (Non-Lapsing State and Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Funds) to purchase equipment for the training of first responders and to continue to develop the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS), financed by grants from both the State and Federal Emergency Management Agencies. Mr. Hall answered in the affirmative.

Councillor Oliver moved, seconded by Councillor Schneider, to send Proposal No. 113, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 114, 2005 - approves a transfer and an appropriation of \$180,847 in the 2005 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Police Division (Non-Lapsing Federal Grants and Federal Grants Funds), to continue support of the Family Justice Center Initiative with the Julian Center and training for all agencies involved in this project, fund overtime for the East and South Districts, supplies, travel and training, and surveillance equipment for the East and South District Neighborhood Resource Officers, to fund overtime for Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) officers, supplies and incentives for G.R.E.A.T kids, travel and training for G.R.E.A.T officers and transportation and meals for G.R.E.A.T camp, to fund overtime for seat belt enforcement and DUI enforcement through the Marion County Traffic Safety Partnership, to fund increased outreach initiatives for the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault (INCASA), and to purchase surveillance equipment for the Community Action Response and Enforcement Initiative in the North District, financed by grants from the State of Indiana and the Federal Department of Justice, and a transfer between characters

Elizabeth Allison, IPD's Grant Manager, explained that the purpose of this proposal is to continue financial support of the Family Justice Center Initiative with the Julian Center and the training for all agencies involved. Ms. Allison explained Exhibit A: [Clerks note: Exhibit A attached with this set of minutes]

Anita Carpenter, Executive Director of Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault (INCASA), stated that the function of INCASA is to provide education, resources, training, advocacy and technical assistance for professional groups, organizations, communities, and survivors throughout the state. She stated that INCASA is a part of the Marion County Sexual Assault Response Team, and have memberships with Wishard Hospital, The Julian Center, St. Francis Hospital, Indiana Police Department, and the Marion County Sheriff Departments.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked for the specific purpose of the \$587 in the entertainment expense category. Ms. Allison stated that helps with the cost associated with taking children out to places where there is a fee.

Councillor Brown asked how many children are involved with the G.R.E.A.T. program. Ms. Allison stated that this program involves 39 public and private schools. She stated that the G.R.E.A.T. program is a 12-week program for students. The officers attend once a week and teach until the program is complete. The younger students' program is only for six weeks. Ms. Allison added that the summer camp program targets children that are on the verge of entering the juvenile system, and sometimes, schools recommend children. Councillor Brown asked how many students are involved with the summer camp.

Ms. Allison stated that 40 to 50 students each week are involved with the summer camp program.

She added that there is also a parent G.R.E.A.T program, but it is not easy to get some of the parents involved with the program.

Councillor Franklin asked how was the overtime was tracked. Ms. Allison stated that overtime is tracked by the day and the hour, for that particular officer.

Councillor Schneider moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter to amend Proposal No. 114, 2005 by removing the Big City Belts portions of \$12,294 from this grant request.

The motion carried by a vote of 5-3 in favor of the amendment with Councillor Brown, Councillor Franklin, and Councillor Bowes casting the negative votes.

Councillor Franklin asked if the funding for the Big City Belts grant comes from the federal government and if this funding was specially for the Big City Belts program. Ms. Allison answered in the affirmative.

Councillor Oliver moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal No. 114, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

Ms. Allison read Exhibit B which is the Justice Assistance Grant: [Clerks note: Exhibit B attached with this set of minutes]

Ms. Allison stated that she had to submit this Justice Assistance Grant information sheet to the Public Safety Committee as part of the grant application process. She added that this is only a plan and it can be changed at any time.

Update on MECA Upgrades-

Linn Piper, MECA Director, stated that the present system was put in place in 1990 and had a projected life cycle of ten years. Last year a user group was formed representing all the public safety departments to work on the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the MECA upgrade. Mike Thayer, a consultant from Thayer Associates, has been working with the user group and the MECA staff for a number of months developing this RFP that will be presented to the MECA Board at the board meeting in April. Mr. Piper stated that if the MECA Board approved the final RFP then it would go to the Central Purchasing Department for advertising. Mr. Piper stated that all of the fire departments and the police departments have been actively seeking grant money to defer the overall cost of this project.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked where the additional funding would come from to pay for the MECA project. Amy McFadden, Deputy Controller, stated that this project would be financed through bonds and will pay for the balance that is left after the grant money is received and applied to the bill.

Bart Brown asked if there was a decision on which revenues would be applied to any of the bonds that would be issued for the MECA project. Ms. McFadden stated that it is too early to tell which bonds would be used. She stated that MECA has a bond issue that is rolling off that is paid through property taxes that could be used. Ms. Bentley stated that there is a six million grant that can be used to partially fund this project.

Councillor McWhirter asked if the radios that have already been purchased would be compatible with the RFP. Mr. Piper stated that if they radios are not compatible then the successful vendor would have to replace those radios.

Councillor Schneider asked what the life expectancy of this system is. Mr. Piper said that the estimated life cycle is for a 15 to 18 years.

Ms. McFadden stated that through this RFP process the user group, which includes all the department that would be affected, would have a say in the process and make the plan work the best for everyone.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams announced to the Public Safety Committee members that on April 27, 2005 the committee will meet at the Julian Center, and then on then on June 29, 2005 the committee meeting will be at the Indianapolis Police Department shooting range.

CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chairwoman
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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